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SELF-RELIANCE.

Man is his own star; and the soul that can
Render an honest and a perfect man
Commands all light, all influence, all fate;
Nothing to him falls early or too late.
Our acts our angels are, or good or ill,
Our fatal shadows that walk by us still.
—*Beaumont and Fletcher.*

When the great freeze of January, 1886, struck the easy prosperity of Florida's boom such a blow in the face, there was at first a regular scramble to see who could get on his feet and stand up the straightest, and put the best face on things, and all our papers were filled with efforts to show that we were not hurt much after all. Then followed a poor crop the next year, and the following summer came the yellow fever in Key West and Tampa. Now this summer it comes again, and this time takes hold of the commercial heart of the State, our largest city, and the one upon which we most depend for supplies and as a focus in which the small contributions from the various towns of the State are concentrated and united into a mass of trade sufficient to be presentable to the world. That cut off, all these little towns are adrift with nothing to tie up to, and their individual resources are taxed to the utmost to keep them afloat until they can find new attachments. Finally, through all this time has run a constant struggle to get our produce carried to market at living rates, and to get it sold in such a way as to bring any return to the grower.

Thus, one after another, have come a series of the severest tests which could possibly be applied to a young community. Our State had been, much of it, rapidly settled by a miscellaneous collection of people from all parts of the country, and even from many foreign countries. They were but recently brought together, and unused to each other's ways and character. Flush times had not developed the necessity of any recognized leaders, and like any other untrained and unorganized army, the people were scattered and knew not which way to turn to escape from impending destruction. But while the weaker ones and those who came here merely to take temporary advantage of our prosperity, have fled in dismay, and have spread the report that Florida was going to the dogs, the majority of our people have staid right here and set about finding a way out of our difficulties. The legislature which met in the spring of 1887 showed itself nearly if not quite oblivious of the needs and difficulties of the people, and wasted its time in mere political wire-pulling and trickery. The local authorities of our counties, in most cases, have been tarred with the same stick, and the people have thus had no help from their rulers in the time of their sorest need. That times have grown harder, trade duller and money scarcer every year is only the natural consequence; but in spite of all this there has been also a growing effort and determination among our people to set things right and make a new start, and we much miscalculate the signs if some of those who have betrayed the people's trust do not find themselves shelved at the coming election, and two years hence, if not now, enough of the people will have joined the movement to give us a State and local government that will do something.

Meanwhile the people of the State have taken hold of matters in another way. Farmers' clubs and alliances, fruit exchanges, immigration associations, and all manner of efforts at combined action to overcome their difficulties, have sprung up like mushrooms in all parts of the State, and it will be strange indeed if some of these do not absorb the rest and become powerful enough to accomplish a great deal for us. The lesson of the whole experience is that we have got to depend upon ourselves to work out our own salvation, and all who are interested in the result should join those who are staying here to work, and help them in every way possible. We are a long way ahead of where we were at the beginning of our difficulties, although in some respects we seem to be poorer, and no one need fear that we will not find our way out of them very soon, nor fear to join us on account of them. We want all who are already interested, or think of becoming interested in Florida to understand that our fair State is no longer a mere butterfly, fluttering carelessly in the summer sunshine of a passing boom, but has got settled down to work and means business. We are on the road and we are going to get there. We are going to raise all the fruit and early vegetables the whole country can eat, and we are going to get them to market and sell them at a fair price, if we have to build our own railroads to do it. We are going to produce our own food and fodder, and stop spending all we get for foreign hay and tin cans. We are going to make our own fertilizers, and cut off that heavy tax upon the crops we have to get our living from. We are going to have health laws, that will make it impossible for pestilence to spread among us, and thus prevent panic at home and shot-gun quarantines against us abroad. We are going to have an honest and fearless government, that will treat every man, woman and child in the State with impartial justice, and thus make our State attractive to honest men. These are the things we are working for, and we want as many good and true men as we can get to come here and work with us, and we promise them as good a chance of accomplishing the work they undertake here as anywhere in the world. If you are a strong man, rejoicing to run a race, this is the place to put in your work with the assurance of a quick and large return for your labor. If you are already here, you have a double reason for putting your shoulder to the wheel and doing your level best, and right now is the time to begin.

Cut down the worn-out, worthless tree. It occupies a good place without paying rent.

More Reclaimed Lands.

The following notes concerning a work of some magnitude in our near vicinity will be of interest to our readers. They were communicated to the *Florida Dispatch*, and signed "S.," which we take to mean Judge Speer, the leading spirit in the enterprise.

"Your letter of the 4th inst. was received during my absence. I enclose to you to-day a copy of the *Reporter*, with article marked, 'Successfully Drained,' prepared under my direction, which will give you some information asked for. Other points will be given herein. We used three dredges with swinging crane and bucket, and dumped on both sides of canal. The dredging in the muck was easy work, after we understood it. Two miles of our canal were cut in clay and marl, and were very hard and slow work and costly. The canal is nearly nine miles long, about twenty-eight feet wide, with an average depth of water of five feet. The cost is over fifty thousand dollars and eight years' work.

The object was the reclamation of a large body of saw-grass lands lying on the north side of Lake Apopka, and covered all over in water from two to three feet deep. When we began work on it, nine years ago, the saw-grass lands were overflowed by the water of Lake Apopka. This great body of *land* now, but then water and marsh, was a pest and curse to the country, the breeding-house of malaria and reptiles, a nuisance to all. Now it is from three to four feet above water, and the finest body of land to be found anywhere, with the best kind of crops of corn, rice, Irish potatoes, beans, sugar cane, and the finest tomatoes ever seen in the State, and beef-cattle so fat as to make a beef merchant crazy.

The wild millet has measurably taken possession of thousands of acres of these lands, and has proven to be the finest green feed for our Florida cattle.

These lands are now ready for the plow; horses and cattle are feeding all over them. If the lands near Kissimmee are valuable for cane, as claimed, and we know it to be true, then it is certain that the Apopka saw-grass reclaimed lands are one hundred per cent. richer. We have by analysis 93 per cent. of organic matter.

You truly say 'that there are thousands of acres of these lands in the State waiting to be reclaimed.' This we know is verily true, and, if we are wise, in a few years Florida can beat the world on sugar. We now have a monopoly on fruits and early vegetables, and hope soon to see Florida give to the world proof of her superior tobacco. If these reclaimed lands will give us forty tons of well matured cane per acre, rich in all the elements for first-class sugar and syrup, what more do we want? One thing only. Gentlemen of ability in our Board of Internal Improvement, who can see where the interests of the State are, and do just what the act of September 18th contemplated, 'to reclaim these swamp and overflowed lands.' In this direction lies our future success."

Dr. Collier is quoted as saying at the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., institute that if it were constitutional for the legislature, through a committee, to kill and bury fifty per cent. of the dairy cattle of the State, the dairying interest would be largely benefited one year hence.

Compared with the countries of Europe, the United States expends a very modest sum on agriculture. The total agricultural appropriations asked of Congress for the coming year amount to a little over $1,786,000. France, with a less rural population, expends annually $8,000,000; Italy and Germany, each $3,000,000; and Russia, with less land in cultivation, $14,000,000.—*Farm and Fireside.*

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WINTER PARK, SEPT. 7, 1888.

THE next legislature must pass a quarantine law, establishing strict quarantine around infected places, and making the rest of the State free for all to go and come. This is imperatively necessary if we would avoid general paralysis of trade and bankruptcy. Let the people insist upon it.

EVEN that staunch old democrat, Judge Speer, calls for "men of ability" in the State government, "who can see where the interests of the State are." All right, Judge; the only obstacle to that is a party in power which puts men in office with an eye single to the maintenance of its own supremacy, whether the interests of the State are served or not. The way to get in "men of ability" is to vote them in.

We hear a great deal about protection favoring New England at the expense of the South. We have come from New England to the South, and we know that the South needs protection far more than New England does. Manufactures are well established in New England, but they are just starting in the South. The removal of protecting duties now would mean a monopoly for New England and starvation for the South. That is why we want protection continued—for the benefit of Florida, not of New England.

THE reports from Jacksonville the past week, show that we were right in saying that there was now no hope of immediate suppression of the yellow fever. The disease continues to increase, in spite of all efforts, although it is still to be classed as a very mild type of yellow fever. People are leaving the city in large numbers, and there seems nothing to do but look out for the sick, the quarantine and sanitary measures, and wait for the disease to run its course or for cool weather to end it. Meanwhile the situation in the rest of the State is improving. The merchants are establishing new bases of supply and replenishing their stocks, and local quarantines are getting more reasonable.

THE action of Governor Perry in requiring more caution in granting charters of incorporation to the whiskey clubs, which have multiplied so rapidly of late, is in one view of it right, and an encouraging sign that he at least favors a faithful execution of the will of the people as recorded by their votes against the general sale of intoxicants as a beverage, but we doubt very much the practical ability of the Secretary of State to ascertain in any but a superficial and perfunctory way the true purpose of such clubs. Much less is it to be expected that any strict watch will be maintained after their incorporation to see that they maintain the standard of conduct to which they may make temporary pretense in order to secure their incorporation. We are therefore very skeptical as to any real benefit to be derived from the governor's action.

WE have a good deal of respect for a man who honestly believes in free trade, and votes the free trade ticket, but we have very little for him who is too stupid or too prejudiced to see that the democratic party is a free trade party and committed to a free trade policy at the present time, or for him who sees it and yet tries to persuade others that such is not the case. Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, is one of the more manly kind of democrats. He says, "The democratic party is a free trade party or it is nothing, and any man who does not believe in free trade should go elsewhere." That is the simple, unvarnished truth, and if men would only come out squarely and honestly, and vote for one side or the other of such great questions, we should soon have no more talk about a "Solid South," the "bloody shirt," and other such bugbears. There might then be some demagogue politicians out of a job, but the people at large would be better off.

JOTTINGS.

A blue pond-lily was in blossom last week at Tetley.

It is said there is a small sea-serpent in Lake Maitland. Who saw him? We won't tell.

An irreverent neighbor says that All Saints' Church has the "blues" since the new windows are in.

Mrs. S. E. Burke and daughter, Miss Lucy, returned on Monday from their summer vacation in Ohio.

Our readers will be glad to know that the rails for the Orlando and Winter Park railway are expected soon.

John C. Smith has sold his stock of groceries to Mr. Wells, who will continue the business at the same location on the Boulevard.

We are reminded of the good things in store for us by a bunch of handsome shaddock suspended in the window of Pierce and Mathews.

The Company's teams have been making a needed improvement on East Park avenue, during the week, by hauling a liberal supply of sawdust upon it.

Prof. Ingraham, of the School of Agriculture, Rollins College, is making good use of the vacation months and will have large crops on his experimental station on the College grounds.

As the water in the creek deepens, Lake Maitland becomes more and more a favorite resort for picnic parties from Lake Osceola, who can run the passage without serious inconvenience.

The showery weather of the last fortnight has been favorable to the growth of vegetation, and several parties in the vicinity are securing crab-grass in sufficient quantities to last them through the winter.

On Saturday, office seekers received a warning. A dove, attracted by the pleasant appearance and general transparency of our post-office, ventured into the sanctum of postmaster Davies, only to have its neck broken by contact with the glass screen.

Voters of this precinct will appreciate the arrangement made by the newly appointed registration officer, Wm. A. Guild, for having an office in Winter Park as well as in Maitland. The books will be open in Maitland, at Dr. Heard's store, on Wednesdays, Sept. 5,

12, 19 and 26 from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and 1 to 5 p. m., and at Winter Park in front of the post-office, Saturdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at same hours as at Maitland. Thanks for so much! Now if we could only vote here!

We learn that by the advice of Surgeon-General Hamilton, Mr. Ergood, our popular postmaster, will postpone his return to Winter Park until later in the season. It is probably wise to be prudent in this matter, for although we have no indications of fever in these parts, it may be contracted on the way.

The showers of Sunday afternoon and evening were genuinely tropical. Immense quantities of water fell and the lightning struck near by in several places. A tree near the Congregational Church was shattered by it. Evening services at the churches were seriously affected by the rain, the attendance being small.

A number of our influential citizens were instructed and entertained one afternoon last week by a lecture by Dr. Ira B. Geer, on "Fevers and Microbes." It is much to be regretted that the Doctor's health is not sufficiently robust to allow him to give us the benefit of the results of his extensive experience, by an active practice.

Some weeks since the residence of Bishop Whipple, in Maitland, was entered and large amounts of valuable and highly cherished property taken therefrom. Though it is not probable that the burglars, three colored men from Eatonville, were concerned in any of our affairs of a similar nature, it is a great satisfaction to record that this gang was captured by the Maitland officers, and some of the property recovered.

Early visitors to the Park on Wednesday were treated to an exciting little episode, in a runaway. Mr. Frazier's dray had just been loaded with chairs and bedding at the depot; when the mule took fright and started on a run through the Park. The load was quickly and safely deposited on the grass, and Jenny continued on a trip among the trees, over the railroad track and piles of lumber with William displaying his abilities as engineer, holding on to the rear of the wagon. The only damage done in the whole affair was the fracture of one wheel, but mule and wagon both narrowly escaped serious injury.

The marshal has had an opportunity to distinguish himself the last week by making two arrests. In the first instance, a man was arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the Whipple burglary. The arrival of officers from Maitland quickly proved the man's innocence, the party wanted being another of the same name. This was a Green affair. On Tuesday, on instructions from Orlando, Sandy Simpson of Hannibal square was arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was taken to Orlando, but the trial has not come off yet. We hope the offense may not be as serious as it seems, and that he may even disprove the charges against him. The residents of the Square have a fine record as a law-abiding people, and take pride in it. We are informed that there has not been more than one arrest previous to this, since the settlement was made.

Mayor's Proclamation.

Annual Election.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF WINTER PARK, FLA.

Whereas, under and by virtue of section 2, article I, ordinances of the town of Winter Park, the Mayor of said town is required to issue his proclamation, announcing the regular annual election, thirty days prior to such election.

Now, I, ROBERT WHITE, JR., Mayor, do issue this my proclamation ordering the Annual Election to be held on the second Thursday in October, A. D., 1888, the same being the 11th day of said month.

The officers to be voted for are, one Mayor, one Marshal, one Clerk, one Collector of Taxes, one Assessor of Taxes, to hold their respective offices for one year, and three Aldermen to hold office for two years.

I do further nominate and appoint Elbridge J. Coan, S. P. Butler and John G. Diffenderfer, as Judges of said election, and H. Griswold, as Clerk of said election.

In witness whereof, I, ROBERT WHITE, JR., Mayor of the town of Winter Park, have hereunto set my hand officially, and have caused to be affixed the seal of said town of Winter Park, this 1st day of September, A. D., 1888.

ROBERT WHITE, JR., *Mayor.*

Attest: E. L. MAXSON, *Town Clerk.*

Winter Park, Sept. 1st, 1888.

Registration Notice.

The Registration Book will be opened Sept. 11th, 1888, for the enrolling of qualified voters, and will be closed Oct. 1st, 1888, as directed in Article XVI, Sec. 3, of the ordinances of the town of Winter Park, Fla. Voters not already registered can register by calling at Eager's drug store during business hours, between Sept. 11th and Oct. 1st, 1888.

E. L. MAXSON, *Town Clerk.*

Winter Park, Sept. 1st, 1888.

To the Voters of Orange County.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate, at the ensuing November election, for the office of Tax Collector for the County of Orange. Respectfully,

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Plant Flowers.

The following letter to the Sanford *Journal*, by Dr. R. Norman, calls attention to a very important matter. In many cases much can be done to keep the soil around dwellings in a sweet and wholesome condition by planting bananas, or other gross-feeding plants, and keeping the ground under them clean and open. In the case of flowers the only trouble is that the remedy is so pleasant that people will not believe in it.

"A timely suggestion having been recently made to me by Dr. Herndon, that I should supplement my remarks on drainage by a few on the advantages of the growth of flowering plants, shrubs and vegetables, in a sanitary point of view, I venture to suggest that it would not be amiss to bring the matter to the notice of your readers. As it is well known that the odor-bearing plants generate and throw off a quantity of ozone, which is one of Nature's great disinfectants, and a great enemy of malaria; also, that bananas and other plants having large succulent leaves, absorb from the soil a great deal of matter which is food for them, but poison to human beings, and also absorb noxious gases, and throw off oxygen, thereby preventing mephitic vapors from diffusing themselves in the air, it will be easily understood that a healthy vegetable growth is extremely beneficial, and that it is only the decaying and decomposing vegetable matter which is obnoxious. A well kept garden is a source of satisfaction to the owner and gives him pleasant occupation in his spare time. Dr. Herndon's own garden is a practical illustration of his views on this subject, and if our other citizens would follow his example, the town of Sanford would soon present a more attractive appearance to our winter visitors, who expect to see flowers when they come to the "Land of Flowers," and are frequently disappointed. In European countries, where they hold fruit and vegetable exhibitions every year, they generally offer prizes to owners of the best kept flower gardens. A movement of this kind would stimulate a good deal of friendly rivalry, and doubtless the ladies, at any rate, would become keen competitors for the annual prizes."

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